

5. Conference Arrangements

A. Future Conferences

The Methodist Council is required to print annually the plan for the locations of future meetings of the Conference. The venue is shown where known.

2021 Birmingham (24 June – 1 July)

***RESOLUTION

5/1. The Conference adopted the Report, and directed the Conference Office to work, in conjunction with the Conference Business Committee and others as necessary, to seek to extend, by at least the equivalent of one business day, the time available for the conduct of the business of the 2021 Conference. (This might include, for example, undertaking business on the Saturday morning and Thursday afternoon of the Conference, or an additional electronic meeting to deal with non-contentious business.)

B. Associate Members

***RESOLUTION

5/2. The Conference invited the following Conferences, Churches and Christian bodies to appoint associate members of the Conference in 2021:

The Church of England
The United Reformed Church
The Roman Catholic Church in England and Wales
The Scottish Episcopal Church
The Russian Orthodox Church
The Cherubim and Seraphim Council of Churches

Africa:

Eglise Méthodiste du Togo
Methodist Church Nigeria
Methodist Church in Zimbabwe
Iglesia Metodista de Guinea Ecuatorial
Methodist Church Southern Africa

Asia/Pacific:

Church of South India
Methodist Church Sri Lanka
Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga
Church of Pakistan
Methodist Church in Malaysia

Europe:

Two of the following UMC partners: UMC Central & Southern Europe, UMC Northern Europe & Eurasia, Evangelisch-methodistische Kirche
Igreja Evangelica Metodista Portuguesa
Opera per le Chiese Evangeliche Metodiste in Italia (OPCEMI)
Iglesia Evangelica Española

Latin America and the Caribbean:

Methodist Church in Brazil

Iglesia Metodista en Cuba

Iglesia Metodista de Mexico

Iglesia Metodista del Uruguay

Methodist Church of the Caribbean and the Americas

C. Presbyteral Session

1. The Presbyteral Session defines by resolution who may normally be present at closed sessions. Attendance when it sits as a court of appeal is governed by Standing Order 1145(7).
2. For the sake of accuracy, it is desirable that the Presbyteral Session delegates to the Representative Session the responsibility for adopting the Record of its Sessions, thus allowing time for members to check its details.

*****RESOLUTIONS** (Daily Record 1/11)

- 5/3. (Presbyteral Session) The Presbyteral Session of the Conference resolved that whenever it goes into closed session its membership, except when Standing Order 1145(7) applies, or the Conference otherwise resolves, shall be confined to presbyters who are entitled to vote on the business under consideration, with the Conference Officer for Legal and Constitutional Practice and Secretary of the Faith and Order Committee in attendance as appropriate.**
- 5/4. (Presbyteral Session) The Presbyteral Session of the Conference delegated to the Representative Session the adoption of the printed and written portions of the Daily Record for both days of its meeting.**
- 5/5. (Presbyteral Session) The Conference directed that the total time available for the Presbyteral Session of the Conference of 2021 shall not be less than eight hours.**
- 5/6. (Presbyteral Session) The Conference invited the Vice-President of the Conference of 2020/2021 to attend the Presbyteral Session of the 2021 Conference, apart from any closed sessions, with the right to speak but without a vote.**

*****RESOLUTION**

- 5/7. In accordance with Standing Order 105(1A) the Conference directed that the following Districts shall each elect at least one deacon to be a member of the Conference of 2021:**
Birmingham, East Anglia, Manchester and Stockport, Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancashire, Nottingham and Derby, Northampton, Southampton, Yorkshire West, Bedfordshire Essex Hertfordshire, London, South East.
Reserves: Wales Synod, Plymouth and Exeter, Yorkshire North and East